

THE MESSAGE

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1908.

CIRCUIT COURT DOINGS.

Two Railroad Cases Tried—The Local Option Matter Argued.

John M. Hartley was granted a divorce from Zulah J. Hartley; defendants' maiden name, Faddis, restored.

In the case of Addie Neas, who sued the Burlington R. R. Co. for \$10,000 for the death of her husband, the jury found for the plaintiff for \$2,000.

The case of E. J. Daniel vs. C. & A. R. R. Co. was heard Thursday. Daniel was a "new hand" on the road. He suffered a broken leg last August, as he claimed, on account of the "cow catcher"—stepping on the board his foot slipped off. A cowcatcher was hauled up from the railroad and placed in the court house yard Thursday morning to exhibit to the jury in the case. Daniel got a verdict for \$1.00. This throws the cost of the case on the railroad company.

Roy Stewart, charged with rape upon the person of Mary Griffith, 14 years old, and delicate constitution, plead guilty before Judge Barnett Monday morning and was sentenced to 25 years in the penitentiary.

Judge Barnett heard the arguments pro and con for the call for a local option election in Mexico and Monday afternoon rendered his decision in the matter, which was to the effect that the City Council should order the election, that the primary in August is not an election in the sense that it would preclude an election to determine whether spirituous liquors should be sold in a town of 2,500 inhabitants or over, such as Mexico. The dissenting members of the City Council filed a motion in arrest which was overruled and an appeal was then taken to the Supreme Court.

In the matter of Nora Ravenscroft, of Benton City, vs. the Advance Thresher Co., the jury gave the plaintiff \$900 damages.

Paul Hudson was granted a divorce from his wife, Frances Hudson.

F. E. Wentz vs. Chas. Baker, verdict for defendant.

WANTED.—Farm hand. Ortiz Fruit Farm.

SOME CASH; SOME NEWS

X. P. Ball renews.

Porter Gregory renews.

Horace Mundy moves up his subscription date.

Walter Berry gives us a dollar and enrolls his name on our subscription list.

W. A. Sullivan sends the MESSAGE to his brother, David Sullivan, at Groose Isle, Mich.

John W. Atchison, one of the happiest and best fellows you ever met, enrolls on our subscription list.

Mrs. N. S. Johnston renews for the MESSAGE. She says: "I want to tell you, the paper grows better and better."

Theodore Hitz, of Rush Hill, writes: "Find enclosed \$1.00 for my MESSAGE. I don't believe I can do without it. Plenty of rain at the present and some to spare."

J. H. Thole at Vandalia, blacksmith and machinist, an old boyhood friend of the MESSAGE editor, sends remittance for the paper. Mr. Thole first did blacksmithing on East Lick, this county, in 1867, and we used to visit his shop frequently.

\$2.00 Kansas City and Return.

Via Chicago & Alton, Saturday June 27 1908. "Coming and Going" the Alton is "The Only Way."

E. F. Mathews, Tk't Ag't, C. & A. R. R. Mexico, Mo.

PIONEER CITIZEN DEAD.

James Atkinson Suddenly Passes Away Monday Night.

This community was shocked Monday night to learn of the sudden death, just before 8 o'clock, of James M. Atkinson. He was sitting on the porch at his home with his wife reading a newspaper when he was suddenly stricken with heart affection. He called to his wife, "O Lizzie," and sank into the arms of death without an other word.

Deceased was born in Callaway county 79 years ago. He was brought up on a farm; finished his schooling at Richland Academy. For many years he resided on a farm near Worcester, this county. In 1871 he was married to Miss Lizzie Beagles, daughter of J. M. Beagles, of that neighborhood. Several years ago the family moved to Mexico. Besides the wife he is survived by three sons, William F., of Mexico; Clarence M., in the Klondike of Alaska, and Joseph, of Worcester.

Deceased was a good citizen. Energetic and public spirited. He was always of a happy disposition and had a good vein of humor running thru his nature. The writer always greeted him as "Uncle Jim," and one day he told us that he had "more onery nephews than anybody." He was loved and respected by all.

The funeral was held at the home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by his pastor, Rev. Walter M. White, of the Mexico Christian church, the Masonic fraternity of which he was an honored member, having charge at the grave.

A good man and thoro Christian gentleman was laid to his eternal rest. This community, the county and the State are the poorer in his death. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for their works do follow them.

Married Tuesday Night.

Mr. L. J. Schrenk and Miss Alice L. Clark were married at the residence of P. E. Locke in this city Tuesday night, Rev. K. B. Briney of Lexington, Mo., officiating. The couple left for their home in Chicago. Mrs. Schrenk is a niece of Mrs. Locke.

J. H. Neil's family, near Rowena, have all been sick with the measles.

R. O. Guthrie, near Benton City, lost 15 sheep one night recently—killed by dogs.

Earl Carter has bought Mr. Seitz's interest in the Owen & Seitz Meat Market.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Owens, south of Benton City, are the proud parents of a new born son.

Miss Gertrude Harding of Duluth, Minn., is visiting her sister here, Mrs. F. P. McCord.

Miss Lucy Kitchen, western part of this county, is recovering from a surgical operation for appendicitis.

The announcement of Paul E. Coil as a candidate for County Coroner appears in this issue of the MESSAGE.

Miss Ethel Barker, formerly of Mexico, was recently elected art teacher in the State school at Little Rock, Ark.

The U. S. Weather Bureau says the period of heavy rains is past and the middle of this week warm weather will set in.

W. H. Logan, Jacob Barnes, Wm. Shields and Mrs. Noah Beagles of Laddonia attended the funeral of J. M. Atkinson here yesterday.

Miss Martha Layson will attend the National Sunday school Convention at Louisville, Ky., as a delegate from the Mexico Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Harvey Allen has been very ill. Her two daughters, Mrs. Sam Duncan of Nebraska and Mrs. O. D. Reed of Columbia, have been here to help nurse her.

HIGH WATERS.

Two Men Drowned—C. & A. Takes off Special Train.

Glasgow, Mo., June 16.—The levee of the Glasgow bottoms which sustained the water in 1903 gave way here and the country is inundated. Damage to property and crops is great. Two miles west of here the Chicago & Alton tracks are in imminent danger. Fred Bates of Vandalia and Chas. Washington, a negro whose address is unknown, were drowned. They were standing on the dam watching for breaks when it suddenly gave way on each side of them. Reports here indicate that the water will reach the 35-foot mark.

The Chicago & Alton has taken off the morning train from Chicago, due in Mexico at 6:45, and the public will be obliged to do without this service until the high waters subside.

Mrs. Parse Dead.

Mrs. Eliza M. Parse, wife of George C. Parse, died very suddenly at her home near Rush Hill last Saturday evening. She had just been out looking after the chickens. Coming into the house she felt a little chilly and went and lay down. Shortly her husband noticed her groan and going to her found her dead.

The family came from Iowa about five years ago. Deceased was aged 49 years, 6 months and 8 days. She united with the M. E. church when a young woman. Was married to Geo. C. Parse when 18 years of age. She lived a consistent Christian life up to the time of her death. Besides the husband she leaves three sons, two in St. Louis—who attended the funeral—and one residing at Marshalltown, Iowa.

Rev. H. I. Cobb of Mexico conducted funeral at Littleby Methodist church at 5 p. m. Monday afternoon, interment in the cemetery at the same place.

Sympathy is extended the sorrowing husband and three sons.

A Former Mexico Boy.

The announcement was made some time ago that he was to marry Miss Minnie Slack of St. Louis. Tom Baskett is the son of Dr. T. J. Baskett, late of Mexico, now of Fulton. Tom has lived in St. Louis for several years; the St. Louis Mirror tells of Miss Minnie's capture as follows:

So you've a Baskett for your heart,
Lovers' knots and Cupid's dart,
Well, I guess you're awful cute,
And the whole plink, blushing fruit,
In that Baskett, we salute
You.

Minnie Slack.

Is 103 Years Old.

"Aunt" Harriette Thomas, colored, of Mexico, claims that she is 103 years of age. She celebrated her 103d birthday Monday by walking up town from her home in the east part of the city. While at the door of the City Hall she was taken with a fainting spell and came near dying. She had to be taken home in a conveyance. The city has been supporting "Aunt" Harriette with provisions, more or less, for four or five years. She came to this city in slavery time and has many stories to tell of the early history of Mexico.

Licensed to Marry.

Edward Smith and Nora Brooks, both of Audrain county.

Louis Schrenk of Chicago and Alice Clark.

Miss Dora Westrope has been very ill.

Mrs. E. N. Tinscher visited in St. Louis last week.

Tom Bass of this city is up in Canada with three famous Mexico horses, exhibiting them at a great Canadian horse show.

Mrs. Elizabeth Orear, a sister of Mrs. Annie Brown and J. A. Nichols of this city, died a few days ago at her home in Chillicothe, Texas. She formerly lived in Missouri and was 80 years of age.

DRUMMERS' CONVENTION.

The Full Program—Amusement for Three Days.

THURSDAY MORNING.

10:30 a. m. Business meeting. Invocation by Rev. A. N. Lindsey, Association Chaplain.

Vocal Solo, Miss Arline Barker. Address of Welcome, Mayor E. D. Graham.

Response, S. S. Lewis, president of the Association. Solo, Miss Arline Barker.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30 p. m. Mardi Gras Parade starts from Hardin College. Every member of the Association is expected to participate and citizens are also invited to take part.

4:00. Reception will be given visiting ladies at the Elks Club Room.

7:00. Band Concert will be given at the Court House.

8:15. Minstrel, Vaudeville and grand concert takes place at the Grand Opera House.

FRIDAY FORENOON.

9:00 a. m. Business Meeting for members of the association at Opera House.

9:00 to 11:00. Band Concert by Moberly Band and Noel Poeppings American Band of St. Louis at Court House.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

1:00. Concert by Moberly Band, Court House Square.

2:00. Concert by Noel Poeppings' Band St. Louis.

3:00. Drummers' Dress Parade with grand flower parade: Col. Smith of Kansas City, Mo., Grand Marshal.

7:30. Noel Poeppings' American Band will give a concert in Court House Square assisted by Miss Marie Schneewiss of St. Louis, violin soloist, and the Temple Quartet of St. Louis.

9:30. Reception will be tendered M. D. A.'s and their families at Elks Club. Dancing.

SATURDAY MORNING.

9:00. Business Meeting of M. D. A. at Opera House, election of officers for ensuing year and selection of next place of meeting.

9:00 to 10:00. Concert by Poeppings' American Band of St. Louis at the Court House.

10:00. Grand Horseback Parade will take place under the auspices of Messrs. J. W. Woolridge, B. R. Middletown, A. C. Dingle, and Lee Bros.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

1:00. Farewell concert by all bands at the Court House.

To Go To Europe.

We understand that Eld. Elmer Underwood, late of this county, who has been attending Christian University at Euclid, Oklahoma, has been chosen from among 50 young men to make a trip to Europe in a few months, in company with one of the professors of said school, to study the inscriptions and to gather data relative to prehistoric man. Mr. Underwood will travel in England, Scotland, France and likely will make a trip to Egypt. He will return and next year will graduate a six years course from the Oklahoma school. Elmer is getting up in the world, and he has the congratulations of scores of Audrain county friends.

K. M. Smith, of Saling township, this county, lost his fine barn by lightning last Saturday night. Building insured for only \$300. A horse was lost in the barn also.

In Oregon they have the initiative and referendum. At the recent election they voted on 19 propositions separately and out of the 19, nine were defeated. The proposition to increase the appropriation for the state university carried and the proposition to increase the appropriation for the state militia was lost. The people evidently know what they want and the law that gives them the right to do their own legislating is not likely to be repealed—not right away.

North Molino.

A number from this vicinity attended children's service at Littleby Baptist church last Sunday night. They enjoyed a good program.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. Lucinda Johnston of near Worcester is in poor health. Do hope she will soon recover.

Win. Mundy who has been sick for nine weeks we are glad to say is improving. He is now able to sit up about two hours each day.

Miss Pauline Cawthorn is visiting her friend Miss Maud McGinnis in Montgomery county.

Clay Berry and Clyde Ellis delivered their crop of wool to S. P. Emmons in Mexico Monday.

Miss Gertrude Bybee is visiting at her aunt's, Mrs. Noble Barnes, of near Mexico.

Mrs. Josiah Martin, in Oklahoma, writes friends here that they haven't had any rain lately and that the wheat and oats and corn have all perished from the drought.

Mr. Force is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Melvin Beamer, of near Long Branch.

High Hill District.

The rainy weather has made many of the corn fields look sad and the farmers are not hopeful of a very good crop this year.

Chas. Sellars sold 17 hogs to Joe Buzzard at \$5.10, weight 230 lbs. Later Charley sold 9 hogs to Mr. Buzzard at \$5.25.

Elza Puls and family of near Sturgeon and Mrs. W. D. Puls and little daughter of Centuria visited B. F. Puls and wife Saturday and Sunday.

Frank Edwards sold 25 hogs at \$5.10 to Lewis Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Miller of Marshall, Mo., were here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Miller's nephew, Homer Weekly's boy, and they are visiting homefolks now.

John Rediger's well is done and

he has has an abundance of water—500 bbls. a day.

Charley Erb of Illinois has recently bought the Mitchell farm at \$58 an acre.

J. H. Turner delivered hogs at Centuria last Wednesday at \$5.10.

Rev. Roop of Iowa is in this district now conducting a few days meeting at the German church.

Santa Fe.

Leon Bybee, Fred Quisenberry and T. J. Wilson were in Perry Monday.

J. R. Smiley has been on the sick list.

Judge Hurd and family have been the guests of J. R. Smiley for several days.

Our mail carrier failed to make his regular trip Saturday on account of the high water.

Joe and Dick Holman of Kansas have been visiting their parents here for several days.

Milton Humes of Poplar Bluff, Mo., visited his mother, Mrs. M. J. Crigler, from Thursday until Saturday.

J. W. Trimble shipped a load of sheep from Rush Hill Monday, bought of J. D. Bates.

Price Vanlandingham and Miss Lapp of Long Branch attended preaching here Sunday.

A. C. Camplin and wife and little daughter of Centuria visited W. R. Camplin several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nowt. Snyder and John Thompson and family dined with Lewis Fleming and wife Sunday.

Master Charley Dull of Paris is visiting in this neighborhood.

Marvin Snyder and Thomas Wilson are improving their buildings with a coat of paint.

Miss Willie Smith of Vandalia is visiting her sister in this city. Mrs. James Gallaher, Miss Julia Chinn of Vandalia is also visiting Mrs. Gallaher.

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